

Stadium at Balanakatte, Tumkur.

250. Sri B. P. GANGADHAR (Tumkur).—

Will the Minister for Agriculture and Education be pleased to state :—

(a) whether it is a fact that plans and estimates for the construction of a Stadium at Balanakatte in Tumkur were prepared long back ;

(b) whether it is a fact that the public of Tumkur have been demanding for the construction of the same early ;

(c) whether it is a fact that Central Government has sanctioned money for construction of the said stadium ;

(d) the reasons for the delay in taking up the construction ;

(e) the difficulties that are in the way of Government to start the work forthwith ;

(f) whether Government would at least now expedite the work ?

A.—Sri K. V. SHANKARA GOWDA (Minister for Agriculture and Education).—

(a) The Tumkur Municipality had a proposal for constructing a stadium at Tumkur since 1959.

(b) Government are not aware of this.

(c) No.

(d), (e) and (f) This is not a Government Stadium. The Municipality requires financial assistance from Government of India and the State Government had recommended the same. Government of India have not yet sanctioned the assistance.

Sri B. P. GANGADHAR.—Has it come to the notice of the Government that the stadium as requested by the Municipality is absolutely necessary in this growing town ?

Sri K. V. SHANKARA GOWDA.—The Government is aware of the fact that a stadium is necessary in every District Headquarters and also in Taluk Headquarters.

Sri B. P. GANGADHAR.—Will the Minister kindly remember that he gave an assurance on the floor of this House during the previous session that as soon as the approval is granted by the Mysore Sports Council, the work will be taken up ?

Sri K. V. SHANKARA GOWDA.—This will have to be financed by the Central Government. The Central Government has asked for certain information from the concerned Municipality. As soon as the information is furnished, the Central Government may release grant. The Mysore Government has not given any assistance.

Sri B. P. GANGADHAR.—May I know whether the Government will take up the matter in view of its urgency and see the work is taken up immediately ?

Sri K. V. SHANKARA GOWDA.—We have already recommended to Government of India. As soon as the grants are released, the work will be taken up.

Marathi and Kannada Papers in Belgaum City

251. Sri P. B. NANDIHALI (Uchagaon).—

Will the Minister for Information and Publicity, Transport and Tourism be pleased to state :—

(a) the number of (1) Marathi Daily, Weekly and (2) Kannada Daily, Weekly in Belgaum City ;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Marathi Daily and Weekly Newspapers are not supplied with Government advertisements ;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor ;

(d) whether they have received any representation requesting to supply Government advertisements to the Marathi newspapers ;

(e) if so, the action they have taken in the matter ?

A.—Sri MOHAMED ALI (Minister for Information and Publicity, Transport and Tourism).—

(a) *Vide* list appended.

(b) No.

(c) Does not arise in view of reply to clause (b) above.

(d) Yes.

(e) The matter is under consideration of Government.

LIST

Marathi Dailies

- 1 Vishal Maharashtra
- 2 Tarun Bharat

Kannada Dailies

- 1 Lokdarshan

Marathi Weeklies

- 1 Belgaum Samachar
- 2 Lokmata
- 3 Rashtraveer
- 4 Lok Manas
- 5 Parikshaka

Kannada Weeklies

- 1 Jana Jeeval
- 2 Sandesha (Biweekly).